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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MACSTEEL INTERNATIONAL USA CORP.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

M/V "LARCH ARROW", her engines, boilers, etc., STADT SOLINGEN, GEARBULK, GEARBULK HOLDING LIMITED and GEARBULK (UK) LTD.,

Defendants.

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F.R. CIV. P. RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Pursuant to F. R. Civ. P. Rule 7.1 and to enable judges and magistrates of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned attorney of record for Defendants certifies that there are no publicly held corporate parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates of that party, securities or other interests in which are publicly held.

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